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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 29, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 29, 2006, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks and amendments:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.